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BULLABURRA PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO TAKE SHAPE WITH MAIN SPAN INSTALLATION

Roza Sage MP has announced the main span of a new pedestrian bridge across the Great Western Highway near Bullaburra Station will be installed this weekend.

Mrs Sage said the new pedestrian bridge is part of the $75 million highway upgrade at Bullaburra East to increase safety for all road users and improve traffic flow.

“This is such an exciting moment in this major project for the Blue Mountains,” said Mrs Sage.

“To see this work progressing so smoothly, on what is the last stage of the Great Western Highway upgrade between Emu Plains and Katoomba, is fantastic for the community.

“I advocated strongly for this pedestrian bridge which will boost safety for residents and motorists, and it is so pleasing to be able to deliver for the community.

“The NSW Government has invested an historic $569 million into the upgrade of the Great Western Highway since March 2011 to reduce crash risk and ensure a safer journey for the more than 20,700 motorists using the highway daily.

“This represents a funding increase since I became the local member of almost 30 per cent.”

The new pedestrian bridge forms part of the $75 million highway upgrade at Bullaburra East between Ridge Street at Lawson and 400 metres west of Genevieve Road at Bullaburra, the last stage of the upgrade between Emu Plains and Katoomba.

Road users are advised changed traffic conditions will be in place for the full closure of the Great Western Highway at night for the new pedestrian bridge span to be installed across the highway.

The highway will be temporarily closed to traffic from 10pm on Saturday 13 December until 4am on Sunday morning.

Electronic message signs will be in place to give advance notice to all road users including heavy vehicle drivers of the closure and detours.

Detours will be in place between Wentworth Falls and Lawson for light vehicles and Lithgow and Orchard Hills for heavy vehicles.
Access to residents of Bullaburra will be available through Noble Street and Cooranga Street.

“Thank you to road users for their patience and I ask that you please reduce your speed and follow the direction of traffic controllers,” said Mrs Sage.

Mrs Sage said the $85 million section of the Great Western Highway 400m west of Genevieve Road at Bullaburra to Tableland Road at Wentworth Falls has recently opened to traffic and is benefitting thousands of road users daily.

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